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TAGS: CPRS, MX

SUBJECT: PROPERTY OF US NATIONALS: RECOVERY OF PIPER AIR-
CRAFT N-119-DB

REF: MEXICO, 7979, 7149, 7410, 8631, 8882 AND
STATE 212241

CONGRESSMAN GOLDWATER INTERESTED

1. THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT SUBJECT AIRCRAFT WAS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES ON 2 DECEMBER 1974. THIS WAS 26 MONTHS AFTER ITS INITIAL SEIZURE BY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE THE OWNER PAID THE MILITARY COMMANDER IN POSSESSION OF THIS AIRCRAFT THE SUM OF \$800 US TO RETRIEVE IT.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE ALSO NOTIFIED THE EMBASSY THAT THIS AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF AN OFFICIAL NOTE FROM FORMIN RABASA TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE. ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET A COPY OF THIS COMMUNICATION, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FORMIN STRONGLY EXPRESSED HIS DISPLEASURE TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE FOR HIS FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF US-MEXICAN CONVENTION ON RETURN OF STOLEN AIRCRAFT.

3. SINCE THE FOREIGN OFFICE RELEASED THIS AIRCRAFT TO
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THE EMBASSY ON SEPTEMBER 7, 1974, EMBASSY OFFICERS INCLUD-

ING THE DCM HAVE BEEN PRESSING THE LEGAL SECTION OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR ACTION WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE OWNER TO RETRIEVE THE AIRCRAFT FROM THE MEXICAN MILITARY. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE FINALLY GOT WORD TO THE COMMANDNG GENERAL OF THE 13TH MILITARY ZONE TO RETURN THE PLANE. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THE \$800 PAYMENT WAS A FACE SAVING DEVICE EMPLOYED BY THE MILITARY ON THE PRETEXT OF MAKING REPAIRS TO THE AIRCRAFT.

4. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE MILITARY WILL COOPERATE IN THE RETURN OF OTHER AIRCRAFT WHOSE CASES CURRENTLY ARE PENDING UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CONVENTION.
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